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the producers, which in her piece or employment. She introduces herself and begins work. At once her troubles begin. She falls over everybody and breaks everything. She pours tea over the Madam's dress and the soup over the master's head. She breaks the statuary at an Italian art shop where she was sent for a marble statue. She really manages to bring the statue home unbroken but slips on the last step and the statue breaks in pieces. This is too much for



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The Doctor's Bride

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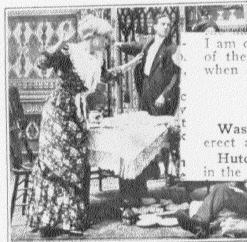
The Hunter's Bullets

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Thursday, August 26, 1909

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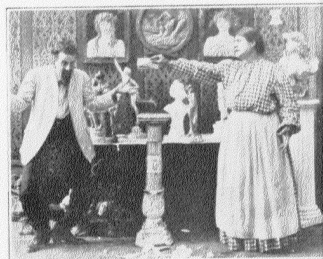
NEARSIGHTED MARY. (Lubin. Released August 26. Length 405 feet.)—A machine-made farce interesting to those who like their knockabout work. I am concerned, I hope you will not cease to print the story of the new films. It helps to the enjoyment of a picture when one has read the synopsis before.

Yours truly,

W. B. SHEDDAN.

Washington, D. C.—Jacques Haidenheimer is planning to erect a large moving picture theater here.

Hutchinson, Kan.—Ed. Green has purchased a half interest in the Elite Motion Picture Theater, at 13 South Main street.



of a policeman. Mary is not a daisy sustains a cook empties the contents of her stewpan upon a head, and, lastly, a gardener turns the hose upon him. Three boys, who have been plaguing him, start a chase, which ends in a collision with the policeman who hails the bill poster off to prison. Verified persons lack novelty of idea, but here a new twist is given an old subject, and the trick effects are worked. The film has a real comedy value, and gets into action and maintains that lively tempo until the end.

A DASH TO DEATH (Edison. Released August 27. Length, 815 feet.)—The Edison sensational picture, in which an automobile is destroyed to reality to the big scene. This scene is so evident genuine that it is certain to cause talk. An American girl is married to an Italian nobleman, in spite of the fact that she reciprocates the love of a young American. The Duke takes her to Naples, where the union proves another argument against international marriages. The man is brutal and without refinement, compelling his wife to receive his attentions, even when she knows of the relation between the two. The wife cables her father, and her sweetheart is asked to go to Italy and bring her home. He arrives upon the scene just as the Duke strikes his wife in the face, because she had the temerity to complain of his latest affliction. Maddened by the sight, there is a lively and real fight between the two men, which ends in the successful attempt of the Duke to stab his antagonist. Realizing the other's mastery of the situation, Duke essays to escape in an automobile, but American gives pursuit in a borrowed car, and his terror, the fleeing nobleman loses control of the machine as he is rounding a curve in a road that is beside a precipice. The car breaks through the side barrier and plunges over the cliff. The American breaks the news to the wife, and as the picture ends, Mary is a housewife again.

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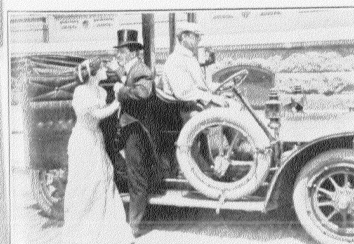
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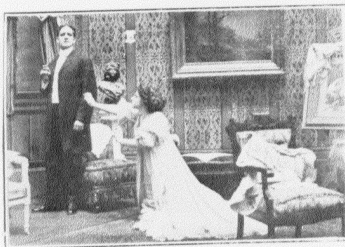
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Dr. Fletcher, while on a professional visit finds a young girl homeless and penniless. Her father, a poor laborer had just died. He offers her home and protection which she thankfully accepts.

A year has passed. The new ward has found her way to the heart of the doctor. He finds that she is more to him than a child. He proposes marriage and is accepted.

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The company has gone. The doctor decides to work before retiring while his young wife stays in his office until he had finished his work. She lays down upon the couch and is soon fast asleep. She dreams that she met her admirer outside of the gate. He induced her to run away with him. He is soon tired of her and drives her from his home. Reverses come, her lover loses everything. He becomes a drunkard and drives her and her child from shelter.

Weak from lack of food, she breaks down on the road where she is found by Dr. Fletcher and revived. At this point of the dream the doctor has finished his work. He goes over to his young wife lovingly awakening her. She relates her dream and wants to show him the note but he smilingly tears it up; he does not want to read it. He has full confidence in his young wife which confidence is never betrayed.



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Thursday, September 2, 1909

The Woman Hater

THE WOMAN HATER (Lubin. Released September 2. Length, 850 feet).—Much good film—at so much a foot—has been spoiled to make this scant idea serve as an entire release. Jameson and Forbes suffer from an incompetent boy as typewriter because Jameson is a woman hater and will not have them around. His glaring inaccuracy is bad enough, but when he drops a cigarette in the waste basket and there is a blaze he is fired offhand. Jameson starts on his vacation and Forbes hires a girl to replace the man. He is rather impressed by her at the end of Jameson's vacation, and regrets that he must go on his. Jameson is tremendously pleased with the girl's accuracy and personality, and Forbes returns from his vacation to find the two engaged. There is about four hundred feet of good picture here, and four hundred and fifty feet of misguided effort. The entire story plays in a single office scene, and is strung out to no good end. As usual, the production is careless. The fire in the waste basket is a flash of powder, which lasts less than a second and is water. Forbes writes two lines of want ad, and four are shown on the screen, and the girl takes notes in no known system of shorthand, using the same fluent action that is supposed to pass for the writing of longhand. Even the office is not well laid out, though this is the only scene, and one of the clerks sits at a parlor table instead of at a desk. Since but one scene was required, that was worth doing well. As a short film, the subject would do. Spun out, it loses interest.

The Woman Hater (Lubin. Sept. 2, 1909). Effective but unimpressive because it is too much a study in human beings would not make this picture an excellent and pleasing subject. It is a study in the successful efforts of the Lubin players to approximate the higher class work that the public is demanding in motion pictures. There is only one drawback, and that is the fact that the lady who plays the stenographer is not a good player. Far be it from this reviewer to cast aspersions on a lady's personal charms, but it cannot be denied if the typewriter fragment had been about two feet shorter or disappeared, and had worn a pink she would have been better able to convince us that she stood some show of captivating the woman hater. Nevertheless, her acting, if one can shut his eyes to her appearance, is of some merit. The woman hater of the story is an old lawyer. A young man, stenographer is discharged because he smokes cigarettes, and while the woman hater is on his vacation his junior partner hires the young plantain in question. When the woman hater comes back he falls in love with the lady and marries her, to the intense astonishment of the rest of the office force, and we might add, of the spectators also.

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The senior member of a law firm, just before starting upon his vacation, discharges the man stenographer for setting fire to a waste-paper basket with a cigarette. He seems to be an all round good fellow, and there is much joy when he starts for the train. The junior partner decides to take desperate chances and hire a woman as stenographer while the old man is away. The senior returns and displays his disaffection, but the younger member of the firm has learned to like the stenographer pretty well, and insists that she remain. The young man takes his vacation. While he is gone the senior member of the firm changes his mind upon the subject of woman stenographers and when the junior member returns he gets to the office just in time to break in upon a marriage proposal from the old man and an acceptance of a life position by the stenographer.

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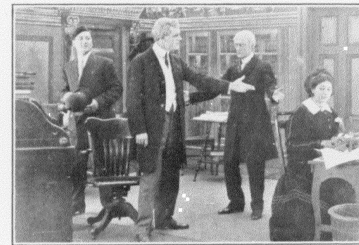
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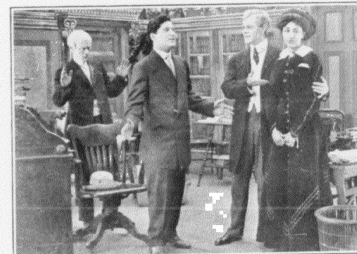
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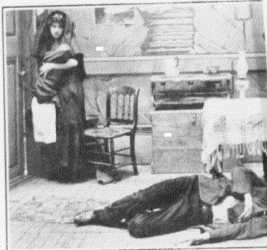
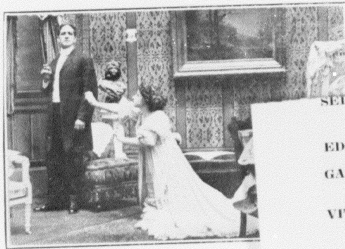
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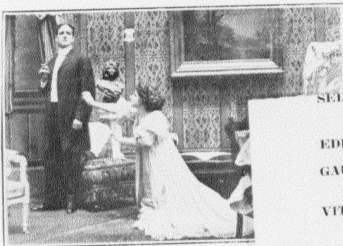
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Julie Ring and Co. (4).
"Choosing a Husband" (Comedy).
Four, Parlor.
Brighton Theatre.

New Yorkers saw this Stanislaus sketch for the first time Labor Day. New Yorkers laughed and applauded it immensely. Mr. Stanislaus worked out a splendid sketch and players act it as splendidly. During the whole proceedings, Miss Ring's personality lends a luster and charm to



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"1776—Hessian Renegades."—The Biograph people have taken an incident in the American revolution which shows the worst side of the Hessian hirelings of England. A party of them follow an American dispatch bearer to his home and wantonly murder him before the eyes of his parents, and then laugh at their grief. The father, with the aid of his daughter, succeeds in slipping away unobserved and rallying

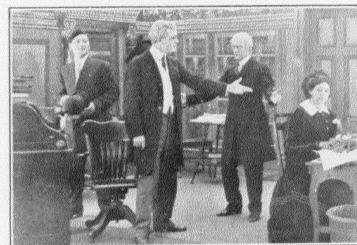


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THE HAUNTED HAT

Length
305 Feet



"The Haunted Hat."—A comedy from Lubin which has as a basis a hat that crawls along the street. Most of the population of the town, including all the leading men, take part in the slow chase, but none dares lift it. Suddenly it stops and a little kitten crawls from under it and the ghostly mystery is solved.

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THE HAUNTED HAT. (Lubin. Released August 30. Length, 305 feet.)—Rather a good comedy idea. A hat is seen moving along the roadway and the policeman is called. He fears the supernatural and gets the sheriff. The little group is added to as others see the hat making its way along the road, and the village fireman is called to aid the representatives of law and order. At last a tiny kitten crawls from under the headgear and is seen to have been the mysterious spirit which gave it motion. The idea is good but not worked out with care. In one picture the hat appears on the scene and the people run for help. The hat is in the same place when they return with reinforcements, but as soon as they return the movement commences again. There is a lot of purposeless running and some of the make-ups have been used in other recent pictures, as for example, the Hungry Actor, released August 16. The central idea deserves better handling.

While walking down the street the street. Frightened, he runs to judge, he calls the fire department, other leading citizens of the town, the mystery of the haunted hat, but the slowly moving hat along the streets of the borough.



The Haunted Hat (Lubin, Aug. 30).—This clever little farce film has a novel ending that brings a hearty laugh. An old straw hat is seen sliding along the sidewalk as if by witchcraft. People see it in amazement and fear. The constable, the justice of the peace and the town fireman are called out, followed by a great crowd, and finally one bold official summons up courage to lift the hat, when out walks a pretty little kitten that had been imprisoned underneath.

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No. 36

Monday, September 6th, 1909

The Call of the Heart

THE CALL OF THE HEART. (Lubin. Released September 6. Length, 670 feet.)—The moral of this tale is to keep your grown-up daughter out of the way if you are a young widow and wish to make a second marriage. The mother is secretly engaged to a man apparently a trifle her junior. Because of her daughter's return from abroad, she asks that the engagement be kept a secret, to which the fiance agrees. The appearance of the daughter on the scene makes it apparent that her old regard for her play-fellow is rapidly becoming a stronger passion. The girl's youth and beauty are more alluring than the mother's more mature charms, but the man is decent about it and prepares to go away, leaving his love unspoken—though telling enough to let her guess his secret. The mother overhears the last farewell and calls him back, renouncing her own love for the sake of the happiness of those she loves. The story is somewhat sentimentally told. The girl indicates the arrival of love by becoming shrunk-shouldered and lounging around, the mother at no time seems to care much for the man who is to marry and her sacrifice loses the element of greatness because of this fact. The use of a messenger boy to deliver a note to a man who has gone fishing is almost as funny as the abrupt landing of the fish from the stream on the arrival of the boy. The themes of mother-love and renunciation possess powerful appeal when proper appeal is made, but here a careless production robs it of its value. In the placement of scenes, one grows rather tired of the constant reappearance of the laws of the house and another scene is twice used though not necessary. In one scene the man and girl run a race and the man keeps his derby hat on throughout the run and there are other small breaks which should not have been made.



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